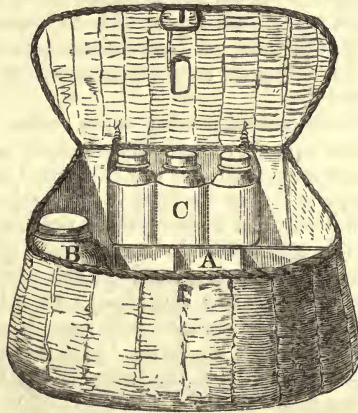


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*Collecting-Basket for the Sea-side.**To the Editors of the Annals of Natural History.*Claremont Lodge, Park Street, Camberwell,
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GENTLEMEN,—I beg to communicate the description of a basket, the contrivance of a friend, which I have found very convenient for shore-collecting (especially when an assistant to carry tools, &c., cannot be easily obtained), and which I believe will be acceptable to those of your readers who contemplate a visit to the sea-side at this season.

The foundation of the basket consists of the creel used by anglers, in the lower part of which is placed a lining of sheet gutta-percha divided into three compartments by partitions of the same material made water-tight and fitting into the right-hand side of the basket (represented *in situ*, fig. 1 A), and leaving space in the left-hand side



for packing a pickle-bottle, B. A bag of canvas, stitched into three divisions, is sewn to the back of the basket at C, for the purpose of receiving three wide-mouthed bottles: two or three chisels, &c., can be laid across the gutta-percha partitions; and the hammer, if not carried in a belt, can rest on the centre division, with the handle through the hole in the lid. The whole contrivance can readily be fitted by any person able to join the pieces of gutta-percha: it is carried by a strap slung over the shoulders, after the manner of the botanist's *vasculum*.

I used the basket last autumn at Torquay, and found it very convenient, as it left the hands free and unencumbered—a very desirable matter in climbing among the rocks.

I am, Gentlemen,
Yours truly,
W. T. SUFFOLK.